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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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March 23, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 16.

Amendments to the Drawings describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix are on page 24.

Remarks are included following the amendments.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.

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